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RE : MM Docket #96-239, RM-8939

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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations,
(Harrietta, Michigan)

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Melinda Hancock hereby submits her comments in response to the invitation extended in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the above captioned matter. In the Notice, the Commission acknowledged that FM Channel 229A (93.7 FM) can be allotted to Harrietta, Michigan consistent with the minimum distance separation and other requirements of the Rules.

Melinda Hancock hereby restates her intention to apply for the frequency if allotted, and if the application is granted, promptly to construct and operate the radio station.

*Exhibits Included

Respectfully Submitted,

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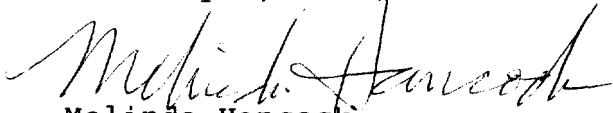
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CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION STATEMENT

(As required by Section 1.52 of the FCC Rules)

The foregoing document has been reviewed by me, and is true and correct.

(January 2, 1997)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melinda Hancock".

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COMMUNITY STATUS FOR ALLOTMENT PURPOSES

Harrietta, MI - Channel 229A

Harrietta, MI can be recognized as a community for allotment purposes for the following reasons :

Harrietta is an incorporated village, listed in the 1990 census, and it has a post office. (zip code 49638). The unincorporated community of Yuma also lies within the Harrietta postal zone.

Harrietta has a town hall where weekly town government meetings are held to address community issues and problems.

Harrietta has three churches - Baptist, Catholic, and Methodist. The Methodist church is the largest, and it appears to have historical significance in the community.

There are two civic organizations in Harrietta - The Harrietta Methodist Women's Club, and the AMVETS Post #120, which is located near Yuma.

Harrietta is home to the Harrietta State Fish Hatchery, which is operated by the State of Michigan, and appears to be undergoing expansion at the present time. The Fish Hatchery appears to be a major employer in the area. Harrietta also has a ranger station for the Manistee National Forest which appears to be staffed full-time.

Harrietta is home to the following commercial businesses :

The Wrinkle Raisin Co, (bulk food distributor) Rick's Harrietta Kitchen, Crossroads Bar & Grill, Harrietta Grocery, Harrietta Marathon Video & Deli, Harrietta Land Co, (real estate) Yuma Bar (in Yuma) and Caberfae Ski Area and Resort.

NOTE : Caberfae Ski Area and Resort is actually in the Hoxeyville, MI zip code, but is being included here because of it's close proximity to Harrietta. Caberfae is a huge ski and golf complex and employs many residents of the area. Caberfae would likely be a valuable client to the proposed radio station.

NOTE : Harrietta, MI is on the western fringe of the Cadillac Public School District. Students attend Forest View School (near Harrietta) until sixth grade. Seventh through twelfth grade students attend Cadillac High School.

AVAILABILITY OF A TRANSMITTER SITE

Channel 229A (93.7 FM) Harrietta, MI

The proposed transmitter site for the Harrietta FM allocation is the WPBN-TV transmitter site. WPBN-TV is licensed to Traverse City, MI, but the WPBN-TV transmitter site is located southwest of Harrietta at the following coordinates :

NORTH 44-16-33

WEST 85-42-49

The WPBN-TV tower is 1,130 feet high, and has plenty of space (as well as proper wind-loading) to handle the proposed radio station's facilities.

ENGINEERING STATEMENT

Channel 229A - Harrietta, MI

Since Harrietta, MI is within 320 km (200 miles) of the Canadian border, Canadian concurrence will be requested for this allotment. It should be recognized that Channel 229A at Harrietta, MI (93.7 FM) is fully spaced as a 6,000 watt Class A FM facility, and is also fully spaced as a Class B1 facility to Canada.